



NEWS RELEASE
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United States Attorney Deborah R. Gilg, the United States Postal Inspection Service, and the Department of Homeland Security, Office of Inspector General, announce the following information for the attention of the media:

Event Triggering this Release:

Today, Michael Hindera, age 55, of Lincoln, Nebraska, was sentenced by the Honorable Joseph F. Bataillon to a six month prison term following his conviction for altering Postal Money Orders. In addition to the prison term, Hindera was ordered to serve three years of supervised release, pay \$16,310 in restitution and a \$100 special assessment.

Hindera plead guilty to altering postal money orders sent to the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security. Hindera was employed in the mail room of the Immigration Service Center Office in Lincoln, Nebraska. Hindera then deposited the money orders into his personal bank account. In all, Hindera altered \$16,310 of money orders sent to the Immigration Service Center.

Name of Defendant: Michael Hindera

AKA:

Age: 55

City of residence: Lincoln, NE

Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty (A CHARGE is merely an accusation and every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty): Altering Postal Money Orders, 18 U.S.C. Section 500. Penalty is up to 5 years imprisonment, up to a \$250,000 fine, or both imprisonment and fine, not more than 3 years of supervised release and a \$100 special assessment.

Specific Location of Alleged Crime: Lincoln, Nebraska

Location of Arrest:

Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug: \$16,310

Others Charged in Same Scheme:

Relevant Dates:

Date of Alleged Crime: August 27, 2007

Federal Arrest Date:

Date Complaint Issued:

Indictment Returned Date: July 22, 2009

Initial Appearance Date: August 24, 2009

Plea or Trial and Date(s): October 7, 2009

Sentencing Date: January 8, 2009

Next Court Hearing Type and Date:

Assigned Magistrate Judge:

Held without Bond, or Released from Custody: Release to self surrender by 2-9-2010

In Continuous Custody Since:

Assigned District Court Judge: Joseph F. Bataillon

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